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BASIC DATA ON THE ORGANIZATION
 OF THE MINISTRY OF THE RIVER FLEET USSR

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

A. Historical Background

1. Before 1939

Until 17 June 1939, functions of the Ministry of the River Fleet USSR were carried out by the People's Commissariat of Water Transport, which was responsible for both maritime and river fleets of the USSR.

The People's Commissariat of Water Transport was formed in 1931. According to the Stalin Constitution (1936) it was an all-Union people's commissariat which directed river and maritime transport of the USSR. Under its jurisdiction were all navigable routes, ports, and the state merchant fleet of the USSR. Its responsibilities included: direction of the operations of the river and merchant fleets; repair and material supply of the river and merchant fleets; organization of ports and wharves; regulation of water hauling; direction of reconstruction and rationalization of water transport; construction of new water routes, ports, and wharves; regulation of sea and river trade navigation; utilization of ports, wharves, harbors, and creeks; protection of navigable routes and transportable freights; organization and carrying out of pilot services; organization of a USSR Maritime Registry which included a classification of ships and carrying out the technical supervision, construction, and maintenance of these ships; administration of certain shipbuilding and ship-repair industries and also procurement and supply industries for water transport, including expeditions of special-type underwater operations.

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The structure of the People's Commissariat of Water Transport was organized on a productional and territorial basis. Ship lines were consolidated into groups which were administered by central productional and territorial administrations of river and sea transport, e.g., the Volga-Kama River Administration, the Northern River Administration, the Northern Sea Administration, the Eastern River Administration, etc.(1)

2. 1939 Statute on the Structure of the People's Commissariat of River Fleet USSR

The structure of the People's Commissariat of the River Fleet USSR as a separate people's commissariat was confirmed by a decree of the Council of Ministers USSR on 17 June 1939. The commissariat had the following administrations and departments:

Administrations

Political Administration of the People's Commissariat of the River Fleet
 Moscow-Volga-Kama Central Administration of the River Fleet
 East Central Administration of the River Fleet
 North Central Administration of the River Fleet
 South Central Administration of the River Fleet
 Central Administration of Inland Waterways
 Central Administration of Industrial Enterprises
 Central Administration of River Construction
 Central Communications Administration
 Central Supply Administration
 Administration for Educational Institutions

Departments (otdel)

Planning Department (with planning and statistical sections)
 Finance Department
 Central Bookkeeping Department
 Technical Department
 Technical Council
 Hauling Department
 Department for Personnel Records and Selection
 Department of Labor and Wages
 Main Navigation Inspection
 River Registry USSR (based on coast accounting)
 Group under the People's Commissariat for Introducing Stakhanovite Methods
 Control and Inspection Group under the People's Commissariat
 Group of Inspectors and Dispatchers under the People's Commissariat
 Department for Military Defense and PVO
 Housing Department
 Bureau of Inventions
 Fuel and Power Inspection
 Military Department
 Administration of Affairs
 Juridical Department
 Secret Department
 Bureau of Complaints
 Arbitration Board
 Secretariat of the People's Commissariat, its deputies, and the Collegium
 Archives.(2)

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3. Decree of 15 March 1946

On 15 March 1946, the People's Commissariat of the River Fleet was changed to the Ministry of the River Fleet by decree of the Supreme Soviet, at the same time that all people's commissariats were changed to ministries.(3)

B. Current Organization

The following information on the organization of the Ministry of the River Fleet, taken from current Soviet publications, supplements and sometimes reflects changes in the 1939 statute on the structure of the People's Commissariat of the River Fleet. It includes a breakdown of the highest-ranking personnel, main administrations, and other organizations of the Ministry of the River Fleet.

1. Minister, Deputy Ministers

Zosim Alekseyevich Shashkov is Minister of the River Fleet (10) and the following are Deputy Ministers of the River Fleet: A. N. Vakhturov (11), V. B. Gaysin (12), Nazarov (13), V. M. Ptashnikov.(9)

2. Main Administrations

Main territorial-operational administrations:

Main Administration of River Fleet of Central Basins (Glavtsentrotflot): chief, Romashchenko (14)
 Main Administration of River Fleet of Eastern Basins (Glavvostok): chief, Chebotarev (15)
 Main Administration of River Fleet of Southern Basins (Glavyugflot): chief, Rylkov (15)
 Main Administration of River Fleet of Northern Basins (Glavseveroflot): chief, Kharitonov (15)

The above territorial-operational main administrations control ship lines, basin route administrations, shipbuilding and repair plants, and other river transport organizations within specific geographic areas.(5)

Main Administration of Inland Waterways (Glavvodput'): chief, Leonov. (16) Has charge of river route maintenance.(4)
 Main Administration of River Shipbuilding Industry (Glavrechprom) (11)
 Main Administration of Communications (Glavsvyaz): chief, Samylin (5)
 Main Administration of River Transport Planning, Accounting, and Fleet Operation (Glavrechtrans) (17)
 Main Military River Transport Administration (GVRU): chief, N. M. Popov (17)
 Main Administration of Shipyards (Glavsudoverf) (18)
 Main Personnel Administration: chief, Korepanov (19)
 Main Supply Administration (Glavsnaab): chief, Kartashev (20)
 Main Administration of Workers' Supply: chief, Yankonskiy; (GlavURS) (16)
 Main Administration of Education Institutions.(17)

3. Other Central Organizations of the Ministry of River Fleet

Central Technical Administration (11): chief, Zorin (21)
 Central Department of Fleet Supply and Equipment: chief, V. N. Karpov (11)
 Central Department of Capital Construction: chief, Anisimov (18)
 Central Finance Department (22)

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Central Department of Labor and Wages: chief, Kalinin (23)
 Central Administration of River Register: chief, Antonov (24)
 Central Commercial Department: chief, Mayorskiy (25)
 Central Production Department: chief, Pokrovskiy (21)
 Central Hauling Department (25): chief, Tchannikov (23)
 Central Economic Planning Department (5): chief, B. Nigov (31)
 Central Project Planning and Designing Bureau (16)
 Central Commission for Issuing Certificates (26)
 Central Technical Design Bureau: chief, Andreyevskiy (27)
 Scientific and Technical Council (10)
 Main Navigation Inspection (17)
 Administration for Preparing the Volga-Don Canal for Operation:
 chief, V. Sinyavskiy. (28)

4. Territorial Administrative Structure of the Ministry •

The two basic territorial administrative units responsible for fleet operation and river route maintenance are the river basin route administrations and ship lines. The basin route administrations are under both Glavvodput' (Main Administration of Internal Waterways) (4) and the main territorial-operational administrations and are responsible for the maintenance of river routes. (5) Each of them maintains one or several of the major river routes (6), and derives its name from them. Within the organization of the basin route administrations are maintenance sections responsible for river sections which are usually less than 500 kilometers long. (7)

Ship lines are territorial-operational administrations which control passenger and freight fleets. (8) They are subordinate to main territorial-operational administrations. (9)

a. Ship Line Administrations

Amur Ship Line: chief, Bukov; chief engineer, Ryahov. (29)
 Belaya Ship Line: chief, Rachkov; chief engineer, Khmel'nitskiy (10)
 Belomorsk-Onega Ship Line: chief, S. V. Sysoyev (16)
 Central Asia Ship Line: chief, Paskevich (30)
 Dnepr Ship Line: chief, Savel'yev (9)
 Dnestr Ship Line (32)
 Don Ship Line (10)
 East Siberian Ship Line (29)
 Issyk-Kul' Ship Line (33)
 Kama Ship Line: chief, Suburov (34)
 Lena Ship Line: chief, Popov (9)
 Lower Amur Ship Line (35)
 Lower Irtysh Ship Line (36)
 Moskva-Oka Ship Line: chief, Maslyakov (37)
 Moscow-Volga Canal Ship Line (10)
 Neman Ship Line (38)
 Northern Ship Line: chief, Modanov (14)
 Northwestern Ship Line (10)
 Ob' Ship Line (39)
 Pechora Ship Line: chief, Mal'tsev (18)
 Sheksna Ship Line (40)
 Sukhona Ship Line (10)
 Syr-Dar'ya Ship Line (41)
 Upper Dnepr Ship Line: (29): chief, Geronin (16)
 Upper Irtysh Ship Line (42)
 Ural Ship Line (10)
 Volga Freight Ship Line: chief, Nikolin (15)
 Volga Freight and Passenger Ship Line: chief, Ye. S. Seleznev (43)

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Volga Tanker Ship Line: chief, Kuchkin (14)
 Vyatka Ship Line: chief, Vezlomtsev (11)
 West Siberian Ship Line (10)
 Yenisey Ship Line (29): chief engineer, Burak (17)

b. River Basin Route Administrations

Amur-Dar'ya Basin Route Administration: chief, Vercaot'skiy (30)
 Amur Basin Route Administration: chief Bykov (18)
 Baltic Basin Route Administration (44)
 Dnepr Basin Route Administration (3)
 Don Basin Route Administration (10)
 East Siberian Basin Route Administration: chief, Yefimov (45)
 Irtysh Basin Route Administration: chief, Myasnikov (46)
 Kama Basin Route Administration (47)
 Lena Basin Route Administration (30)
 Moscow-Oka Basin Route Administration: chief, Belyayev (48)
 Northern Basin Route Administration (49)
 Northwestern Basin Route Administration: chief, A. N. Novoselov (16)
 Ob' Basin Route Administration (50)
 Sheksna Basin Route Administration (51)
 Upper Dnepr Basin Route Administration (52)
 Upper Volga Basin Route Administration (46)
 Volga Basin Route Administration (7)

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